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Fulbright For Rusk?

Ever since the invasion of Cuba failed, there have been rumblings that Secretary of State Rusk ought to be removed and Senator Fulbright of Arkansas given the job.

Fulbright was strongly opposed to the invasion. He viewed it as a premature effort that was certain to end in failure. It will be recalled that he was one of the three of four men most prominently mentioned for Secretary of State before President Kennedy took office and before he began announcing his cabinet choices.

Fulbright is outwardly a more aggressive man than Rusk, who is a still-water-runs-deep type, a quietly analytical man. Changing secretaries this

early in the administration would tend to make the choice of Rusk appear to have been one not thoughtfully made. Further, in these complex times, it might be superficial to thrust Rusk aside because the invasion failed.

After all, the Dulles intelligence agency said conditions were favorable for a successful invasion.

All the circumstances considered it would seem more judicious to give Rusk more time to prove himself. He has hardly been in office long enough to get himself oriented. Fulbright's record shows he is a smart man. But so does Rusk's show he is a smart man.

The whispering against Rusk could be a search for a scapegoat.